Currently, there are 2,412,238 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in Colorado. On September 30, 2009, 743,238 acres are eligible to come out of CRP.

**Conversion to Grazing Land Requirements and Options**

- Develop a conservation plan that outlines grazing management and development needs.
- Install identified conservation measures for proper grazing distribution.
  > If using Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds to install identified practices producer MUST WAIT UNTIL CRP CONTRACT EXPIRES.
  > May be able to locate and use other funds to begin some work prior to contract expiration.
- Conservation Easements.
  > Grassland Reserve Program (grazing land only).
  > Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (crop and grass lands).

**Conversion to Cropland Requirements and Options**

- Develop a conservation plan to maintain compliance and program eligibility.
  > Identified measure must be installed within the first year.
  > Must address Threatened and Endangered Species and Species of Concern.
- Current policy allows some work to begin up to 6-months prior to expiration of contract.
- Will be a minimum of 12-months before income begins.
- Will again be subject to market and weather changes, both negative and positive.

For further information, contact your local conservation district, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or Farm Service Agency office.

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